

been indicted on two counts, \$20,000.

Then, just to show the government could be lenient when it felt real good, Wilkerson had the cases against the traffic managers of the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central non-suited. He didn't say a word about the case against William H. Underwood and Harry J. Rhein of the Big Four, however, and Willie and Harry are going to get what's coming to them.

Conspiracy charges also are still standing against Rudolph K. Hynicka, secretary of the Columbia Amusement Company; Jas. E. Fennessey, secretary of the Empire Circuit Company; Hurtic, Seamon and Fred Irwin, who, between them, control pretty nearly every burlesque company on the road in the United States. They also are the gentlemen who sliced up the advertising pie the railroad handed out.

The real funny thing about it is that the railroads, when they decided to get out from under, never said anything to these theatrical high financiers, and therefore the theatrical gents will be brought to trial, and the plea of guilty entered by the railroads will be used against them, and they'll get it right where Maymie wore the beads.

Wilkerson let it be known today that the government will demand the maximum penalty for the theatrical gents and the two Big Four officials, which is a fine of \$10,000 on each count and two years' imprisonment.

Ever since the rebate laws were passed, the railroads have been kidding the government and getting away with rebating through that advertising gag.

Their plea of guilty and Carpenter's maximum fine idea will make prosecution of other railroads on the same count much easier for the government, and now, maybe, the railroads will stop that game.

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"You say you were held up this morning by a footpad with a revolver. At what time?"

"Five minutes to one."

"How can you fix the time so precisely?"

"Because I could see the church clock and I noticed its hands were exactly in the same position as my own."—Boston Transcript.